

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—It is as a result of education that we want libraries and then we can close down the Schools.

Demand was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-10 p. m. and reassembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Deputy President (M. R. Ry. A. Sankara Menon Aul., B. A. & B. L.) in the Chair.

16. Rs. 1,812—8—0 under '24—Ayurveda—Contingencies—Miscellaneous'.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1812—8—0 under '24—Ayurveda—Contingencies—Miscellaneous'. The reasons for this additional allotment have been explained in the Note to the Standing Finance Committee. There is no provision in the budget and savings are also not available. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demand was put and carried.

17. Rs. 3,450—8—0 under '29-A. Civil Engineering—Communications—Original'.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3450 under 29-A Civil Engineering—Communications Original. The reason for this additional allotment has been sufficiently explained in the notes. The culvert at 2/6 of the Komboding-amakkal road has collapsed and it is necessary to reconstruct it urgently. The cost of the work is Rs. 3450. The expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of framing the budget. Savings are also not available. The additional allotment is therefore required. I, therefore, request that the House may be pleased to grant this additional allotment.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—When did the culvert break down?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—During the floods of the rainy season of this year.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—That is before the budget was framed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—That was in Karkitagam after the budget was framed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—I had tabled four cut motions on this matter. They relate to different matters. But since I am asked not to discuss matters in that form by the President today I have to speak a few words on each of the four cut motions. One of them is a matter which relates to communications original. It is the inconvenience caused to the public by not opening the Trikkur bridge for traffic. A pukka bridge had been constructed months ago. I think that the work was over during the last monsoons. But the bridge has not been opened for public traffic. I want to know why the Government has not done it. I am sure that there will not be sufficient grounds for keeping it in that condition. Thousands of rupees have been spent and the only use of it to the public is to gaze at it and turn back the car and clear out. To say the least, it is most tantalising.

Another point which I wish to bring to the notice of the Government is the long delay in completing the construction of the Paroor Chennamangalam bridge. The importance of that bridge has been brought to the notice of the House several times and the Government took up that work nearly two years back and yet we find that the work is progressing too slowly. I also understand that they have stopped the work in the last month. I expected that the work would be over before the monsoon sets in. Now I find that the work has been suspended. I do not know why. Any way, I request the Government to look into the matter and to see that the work is completed this year itself.

Then, Sir, the third point is one that relates to the planting of electric posts for carrying electricity from Trichur to Pudukkad. We find that the posts are planted on the sides of the road. It looks as though there is no body to control them as regards the place in which they should plant these posts. The Shoranur—Chalakkudi road has been widened at a very heavy cost. The House will remember that the original idea was to give it a uniform width of 60 feet. It was subsequently changed into 40 or 44 feet. The Cochin State Power and Light Corporation, Ltd., are taking away a large slice of the sides of the road, in some places 5 to 12 feet and in other places more than 12 feet. All the avenue trees have been removed from the sides of the road in order to give more width to it. The Electric Company are marking out the places for posts within the area newly acquired at heavy costs. You might remember that large expansive paddy lands, double crops as well as triple crops, have been acquired by the Government at very heavy costs in

order to widen the existing roads and you find these people are planting posts within 8 to 12 feet of that area. They have not actually begun the operations except marking in the Chalakkudi road. From the way in which they have planted the posts in the Shoranur road, just outside the Municipal limits, in order to take electricity to the water pumping station, I am led to believe that they will spoil the Chalakkudy road if not properly checked. Large parts of the road that have been acquired at high cost have been rendered useless by them for the purpose of traffic. The whole place has been disfigured. I do not know whether these people have been given any license to do as they liked. I find no officer checking it. I find two or three hatted boys in the spirit of "I am the monarch of all I survey" going about to mark the places for planting posts. I do not know whether the Government is under any obligation to give them the sides of the road for planting posts. It is a private concern and if they want to take electricity from one place to another it is their duty to purchase the lands through which they propose to take power. They have absolutely no right to encroach on the roads which have been acquired at very heavy costs. I, therefore, request the Government to look into the matter immediately and see that no part of the road is taken up by these people. If the Government is under any contractual obligations to give them the sides of the road they may be asked to do it at the extreme end of the road. With these few words and in the hope that the Government will give their best considerations to them before the Electric Company is allowed to work in the Trichur—Chalakkudy road, I do formally move the motion but I do not wish to press it.

Demand was put and carried.

18. Rs. 3,750 under '29—A. Civil Engineering—I.R.'

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Joint Secretary to Government*).—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,750 under Civil Engineering. This amount is necessary for reasons stated in the notes to the Standing Finance Committee. The south bund of the river was damaged and repairs have to be executed urgently. The expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of framing the budget. Savings are also not available for reappropriation. Hence the necessity for the additional allotment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Sir, I wish to say a few words in this connection. This amount is proposed to be